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MISSISSIPPI SENATE CANDIDATE BIOS,  
POSITIONS ON BRAIN DRAIN

Ahead of the 2018 midterm elections, The Daily Mississippian interviewed all five major Senate candidates to get their opinions on potential solutions to the “brain drain” issue plaguing the state of Mississippi. Read their responses and bios inside.

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ELECTION DAY 2018  
IN MISSISSIPPI

Mississippians are headed to the polls tomorrow in what has the potential to be a historic election. Follow the DM online for coverage from the polls and real time results.

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Veterans Affairs Sec. to focus on student vets

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U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie visited campus on Friday to attend the University of Mississippi’s inaugural Veterans Alumni Gala hosted by the Ole Miss Veterans Association.

Wilkie said the department of VA is striving to offer veterans as many paths for their futures as possible when they are transitioning out of active service, whether that be four-year college, community college or trade school.

“I was here to tell (student veterans) that VA is some place for them as they move on in life, that it is something that is more than just a hospital or a clinic,” Wilkie said. “We provide educational services. We ensure, in most cases, that young veterans have the funds to go to school.”



PHOTO: REED JONES

U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie speaks to the media during a press conference held in the Lyceum on Friday. Secretary Wilkie came to Ole Miss to attend inaugural Veterans Alumni Gala.

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
POLLING PLACES

VOTING PRECINCTS:

Tomorrow is Election Day. We’ve put together a list of all polling places in Oxford. See page 4 for a bio of each Senate candidate and page 5 for a list of races on the ballot in Lafayette County. Keep up with results on theDMonline.com all day Tuesday.

- Oxford 1:** Oxford Park Commission Office 310 South 15th Street, Oxford, MS
- Denmark-Lafayette Springs-Pine Bluff:** Fire Station #11, 11 County Road 287 Oxford, MS
- Yocona Community Center :** 826 Highway 334, Oxford, MS

- Oxford 2:** Oxford Conference Center 102 Ed Perry Blvd., Oxford, MS
- Philadelphia:** Philadelphia Community Center, 1303 Highway 30 East, Etta, MS

- Oxford 3:** Stone Recreation Center, 423 Washington Ave., Oxford, MS
- Abbeville:** Abbeville Town Hall, 8 Business 7 South, Abbeville, MS
- College Hill:** College Hill Community Center, 10 County Road 130, Oxford, MS
- Taylor 3:** Taylor Community Center, 78 County Road 338, Taylor, MS

- Oxford 4:** Lafayette Civic Club, 14 Tommie Collie Jane Rd, Oxford, MS
- Burgess:** Oasis Church, 861 Highway 6 West, Oxford, MS
- Anchor-Taylor 4:** Green’s Shop, 177 County Road 376, Water Valley, MS
- Union West:** Fire Station #16, 823 County Road 313, Oxford, MS
- Harmontown:** Fire Station #1, 599 Highway 310, Como, MS

- Oxford 5:** Lafayette County Health Department, 101 Center Ridge Drive (Hwy 7 S) Oxford, MS
- Paris:** Fire Station #14, 31 County Road 430, Paris, MS
- Tula:** Fire Station #6, 153 County Road 436, Oxford, MS
- Airport Grocery:** Fire Station #3, 15 County Road 369, Oxford, MS 38655

ELECTION ANALYSIS

Historic election could be pivotal for state

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Mississippi voters will have a rare chance to vote for both of their U.S. senators on Tuesday in one of the state’s most historic election cycles. In this year’s mid-term elections, both incumbent Republican senators are facing serious challengers in one of the arguably most divisive times in Washington, where the Republicans hold a slight majority in the Senate.

In a state where conservative politics dominate the political climate, two Democratic candidates have gained a significant following and have polled well recently — especially in the special election.

This year, Mississippians could play a role in which party controls

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the Senate, and Mississippians have the chance elect their first female Senator as well as their first black Senator since Reconstruction.

Mississippi is holding a special election for the seat currently occupied by Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, who was appointed to the Senate by Miss. Gov. Phil Bryant after former U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran

resigned because of health concerns.

Former Democratic U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy and Republican state Sen. Chris McDaniel are challenging Hyde-Smith in the special election that has garnered national attention and brought President Donald Trump to the state to campaign for Hyde-Smith in early October.

The special election, commonly

called a “Jungle Primary,” is an election where all of the candidates running in the election compete in one race and the candidates are not separated by a party primary. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes in the first election, the top two candidates will then go on to compete in a runoff election.

The other race is for the seat currently held by incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, who is being challenged by Democrat and Mississippi House Minority Leader David Baria.

A distinguishing point on which nearly all of the candidates differ is their view of Mississippi’s current role when it comes to education, Confederate symbols

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COLUMN

# This week, America should vote Republican



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Tomorrow, Americans across the country will go to the polls to vote in the 2018 midterm election.

With all U.S. House of Representatives seats up for re-election, along with 35 Senate seats, the stakes for both parties are extremely high, as intense campaigning has been in full swing for months now. Republicans, who currently maintain slim control over both chambers of Congress, hope to keep their majorities while possibly picking up several seats in the Senate from red state Democrats. Historically, the incumbent president’s party suffers losses in midterm elections, but Republicans are hopeful that a booming economy and voter anger over the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh will drive their base to the polls.

Democrats, on the other hand, have the chance to take back the House of Representatives for the first time since 2010, when they lost an abysmal 63 seats during the Tea Party wave. Democratic challengers nationwide have framed this election as a referendum on President Trump and are confident that increased voter enthusiasm will be enough to carry them across the finish line. Unsurprisingly, this election season has devolved into ugly politics, filled with partisan bickering and character assassinations. Yet, despite the trivial sideshows, the American people should know that this election and its implications for the direction of our country are enormous.

The American people have

an easy choice to make next Tuesday. Over the last two years, our country has seen an unprecedented level of prosperity — unemployment is the lowest it’s been since 1969, wages have skyrocketed and middle class Americans have more money in their pockets. In addition, financial regulations that have long burdened ordinary Americans have been slashed, an originalist justice has been confirmed to the bench and America is finally enforcing its sovereignty at the southern border. The mainstream media loves to focus on irrelevant tweets and peddle outrage — all while ignoring the current administration and Congress’s incredible achievements.

In 2016, the American people took a chance by electing political novice Donald Trump president; it looks like that choice paid off. The alternative, however, has a drastically different plan for our country.

According to Democrats, tax cuts for middle class Americans are “crumbs,” federal law enforcement agencies are “racist” for enforcing the law and mob rule is even encouraged. In fact, America “was never that great,” in the words of New York governor and Democrat Andrew Cuomo. It is absolutely terrifying to see one of the two major political parties completely turn its back on the fundamental values that originally made our country great. Individual liberty, free markets, presumption of innocence and the rule of law have no place in a Democrat’s America.

This election is not over minor political disagreements; it is about the soul of America and whether or not we still believe in the basic principles upon which our country was founded. The Republican party is by no means perfect, but the alternative is far worse. This Tuesday, Americans across the country should go to the polls and vote Republican up and down the ballot.

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COLUMN

# I arrived here Republican, I am now voting Democrat



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When I arrived in Oxford in August of 2015, I was a conservative.

I was raised in the South by evangelical Republican parents where the candidates’ support for pro-life policies was the litmus test. I remember riding home from elementary and middle school listening to Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity on conservative talk radio. In high school, most of my news came from the Drudge Report. I supported both John McCain and Mitt Romney in their campaigns against former president Barack Obama. In 2014, I voted in my first election for Republican David Perdue for the Georgia state senate.

In my junior year of high school, I started to go through a period of faith deconstruction that was followed by a period of political deconstruction in college. I began to wrestle through and struggle with these beliefs I had always believed were certain. In college, I learned from people with different experiences than my own, and this exposure to new ideas made me realize the inconsistencies of my previous beliefs. During my freshman year, I supported Marco Rubio but voted for Ted Cruz for Republican nominee for president because by the time Mississippi voted, Cruz was the only one who might beat Trump. I, then, voted for Gary Johnson for president in 2016 as a protest vote against the Republicans and Democrats duopoly of political power.

On Nov. 6, I am voting for the Democrats for the first time in my life. High school me would be so

disappointed.

While many of my beliefs, both theologically and politically have changed dramatically since high school, I am very thankful that my parents instilled in me the teachings and love of Christ as a central-ethic that guides my decisions to this day.

I am still pro-life. I believe we should abolish the death penalty, provide free healthcare to those in need, welcome refugees and immigrants fleeing violence in Central America and the Middle East, end private prisons and reform our broken justice system, protect the rights of marginalized communities against those who seek to oppress them, decrease funding for war and bring our soldiers home out of harm’s way, and protecting lives from the danger of climate change, in addition to implementing policies that will decrease the demand for abortion in our country.

When I look at our two imperfect parties, the Democratic Party’s platform is more holistically pro-life than the “pro-birth” policies of the Republican Party.

The Republican Party of Donald Trump has completely abandoned those virtues my parents instilled in me in pursuit of political victory. Republican lawmakers have become a party of sycophants, stoking Trump’s dangerous ego and racist, xenophobic rhetoric to get their coveted court appointments and tax breaks for the wealthy. None hold the president accountable and even those Republicans who critique him on Twitter still flake out and vote with him overwhelmingly instead of using their leverage in the senate.

And even without Trump, the Republican party knows its actual policies are unpopular with most Americans. So instead, they must result to lying about protecting preexisting conditions, stoking white people’s fear of a more diverse America, gerrymandering and voter suppression.

This election is crucial. We need to elect representatives who will expand Medicaid for poor families, protect those with preexisting conditions, fund education, oppose the president’s racist immigration policies and dangerous agenda, and most importantly, understand the dire threat of climate change disrupting every aspect of daily life. While the Democratic Party is nowhere near perfect, this white male evangelical southerner will be joining the blue wave on Tuesday, and I hope you do, too.

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# Kappa Alpha Theta, UM officials discuss chapter closure

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Members, parents and friends came and went from the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house on Friday during the afternoon hours of the brisk fall day, some with tear-stained faces and others with smiles and laughter.

The Daily Mississippian met with Director of Fraternal Leadership and Learning Arthur Doctor, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Brandi Hephner LaBanc, UM Kappa Alpha Theta chapter adviser Erin Smith and UM Chief Executive Officer of Kappa Alpha Theta Katherine Parks for an exclusive interview in front of the house.

"I think we're just trying to figure out the best way to move forward, staying connected, stay-

ing positive because I think that's the number one thing," Parks said. "It's really easy to get bogged down by the rumors, the media, seeing what people are saying. But at the end of the day, it wasn't some scandal."

Parks said the announcement has been tough on everyone in Kappa Alpha Theta.

"What I've witnessed today is women dealing with a loss," LaBanc said. "There's grief, there's a gamut of emotion, which I think is typical and normal, and I think the hardest thing for them is they didn't do anything wrong."

LaBanc said Theta is in good standing from a university perspective and the closure was decided solely by the national organization.

"That's why we're here today, was to try to get a sense of what might be those best steps, how

can we support them individually as students on our campus, but also as a collective organization," LaBanc said.

LaBanc said it's important to recognize the emotions chapter members are going through right now. She added that there are lots of rumors circulating that are harmful to members of Kappa Alpha Theta and hopes other groups will be respectful and lift those members up.

"They've been great contributors not only to the Greek community but also to the greater university," LaBanc said. "We really try to reinforce that message that these are wonderful student leaders and women that have done great things on our campus and would continue to do great things under the name of Kappa Alpha Theta."

A press release from UM Com-

munications said the national Kappa Alpha Theta organization decided to close the Epsilon Zeta chapter at the end of the fall semester after 39 years on campus because of "low membership and discouraging recruitment efforts."

Doctor said university officials were first notified on Oct. 24 that closure was an option. Chapter members attended a mandatory meeting with Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity President Mandy Burgett Wushinske and Fraternity Vice-President Cate Bibb on Oct. 28.

"We were not notified that this was the decision that they were going to be moving forward with until (Thursday)," Doctor said.

It is a distressing time for all members, including alumnae, Smith said.

"We're all very, very sad and heartbroken and we do ask

that people be respectful of this event that's happening with us and just be there to support us," Smith said.

Parks said for now, Theta members are looking forward to social and philanthropic events through the end of the semester, particularly the 17th annual Theta Encore on Nov. 7 which will raise money for Court Appointed Special Advocates, a national group in which volunteers advocate for children in court cases.

"I think everyone is just kind of excited to have these final moments as an organization together," Parks said. "I think we're still trying to figure out what exactly it means for the next three weeks, but I think everyone is excited to fulfill the last events of the semester and saying it's the last time."

# 9/11 survivor encourages student veterans on campus

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Will Jimeno spoke to student veterans and guests on Friday night about his experiences as a police officer on the ground in the immediate aftermath of the 2001 terror attack on the World Trade Center.

Jimeno was invited to deliver the keynote address the University of Mississippi's first annual Veterans Alumni Gala on Friday night at The Inn at Ole Miss, which offered an opportunity to connect current student veterans with successful alumni.

Jimeno, a former member of the U.S. Navy, retired police officer and survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, was one of many Port Authority police officers who were called to respond to the attacks.

Jimeno recounted the events of the day with detail and said he remembered "that Tuesday morning like it was yesterday."

"I got up in the morning. I got



PHOTO: MCKENZIE RICHMOND

Guest of honor and 9/11 survivor Will Jimeno and Gov. Phil Bryant greet guests at the University of Mississippi's inaugural Veterans Alumni Gala on Friday night at the Inn at Ole Miss.

dressed for work. I kissed my wife and her pregnant belly, and I kissed my four-year-old daughter Olivia," Jimeno said. "Then I skipped down the stairs to an old Ford Bronco."

He said that morning began just as slowly as any other.

Jimeno was dispatched to a corner near the World Trade Center, and said the 8 a.m. rush

of New York City citizens was like clockwork after his near nine months on the job. It wasn't until he was called back to the station by an emergency code, loaded onto a bus with fellow officers and unloaded at the wreckage that he began to understand the gravity of the situation.

"I just remember thinking to myself, 'I can't believe what I'm

looking at,'" Jimeno said of the moment he first saw the North tower engulfed in smoke and flames.

"What I am thinking is, 'This is the United States of America, this can't be happening. This is the greatest country on earth, but here we are standing in front of these two humongous buildings minutes from collapsing,'" he said.

Jimeno said as first responders moved throughout the tower and down into the basement, the building began to collapse on top of them, leaving Jimeno and two of his fellow officers trapped. There, 30 feet underneath the rubble of one of New York City's tallest buildings, Jimeno and a few fellow officers remained trapped for 13 hours before being rescued.

He now uses his experience to encourage children, students, police officers and veterans throughout the country.

In attendance at Friday's Gala were U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, U.S. Rep. Trent Kelly, Mississippi Gov.

Phil Bryant, Adjutant General of Mississippi Janson D. Boyles, the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Randy Reeves, state Rep. Jay Hughes and U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie.

Wicker said as an ROTC graduate from Ole Miss, this event and what it celebrates are very near and dear to him.

"When I walked up the stairs of Guyton and applied for Air Force ROTC, I didn't imagine that I would someday retire as a Lieutenant Colonel, or that my time in the Air Force would have such an impact on me as it is having on young men and women at Ole Miss today," Wicker said.

The Veterans Alumni gala celebrated the steps that the Student Veterans Association is taking to improve the lives of student veterans at Ole Miss.

"The Student Veterans Association is an invaluable part of our Ole Miss community, and it provides our veterans support, resources and a venue to find and build comradery," Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter said.



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# U.S. SENATE ELECTION 2018

Get to know the five major candidates running for U.S. Senate tomorrow.

Ahead of the 2018 midterm elections, The Daily Mississippian interviewed all five major Senate candidates to get their opinions on potential solutions to the “brain drain” issue plaguing the state of Mississippi. The brain drain refers to the trend of recent college graduates leaving the state to seek employment in other parts of the country after receiving higher education in Mississippi. All of this year’s Senate candidates acknowledged that the problem exists, but the candidates had different solutions on how to curb this exodus of educated young people. Read below for what the candidates had to say.

## REGULAR ELECTION:

### Challenger: David Baria (D)



PHOTO COURTESY: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

David Baria is the state House Minority Leader and is a resident of Hancock County. He has been in the state legislature for a decade. This is Baria’s first bid for federal office, and he currently serves on the state House Committee on Appropriations and state House Committee on Colleges and Universities.

“College-aged kids are one of the major reasons why I’m running,” Baria said. “I have two daughters in college ... I want Mississippi to be the kind of place where they want to live. Right now, we’re not providing the right type of environment for young people. I see millennials being more engaged this go-round. I think that millennials have to be engaged. They have to understand that elections are important.”

### Incumbent: Roger Wicker (R)



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Incumbent U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker is a resident of Tupelo and has been a U.S. senator since 2007. He was first appointed to the Senate by former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour when former U.S. Sen. Trent Lott resigned. Wicker is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

“I’ve been a part of allocating a great deal of money to (the University of Mississippi Medical Center) for research,” Wicker said. “That’s a way to keep people in the state of Mississippi. We’ve increased jobs in the state of Mississippi. The bottom line is we have to work on job opportunities and quality of life issues inside the state.”

## SPECIAL ELECTION:

### Challenger: Mike Espy (D)



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Mike Espy was the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from Jan. 22, 1993, to Dec. 31, 1994, under former President Bill Clinton. Espy resigned from his Cabinet position after he was indicted for receiving gifts improperly while in office. He was acquitted of all charges, and this is his first political race since his resignation. Espy served three full terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before resigning in his fourth term to serve as Secretary of Agriculture.

“I don’t want (recent graduates) to leave for the wrong reasons,” Espy said. “That would be that there’s no opportunity here: no jobs, no great income, no tech companies that they could begin with. So those are the things that I want to remedy.”

### Incumbent: Cindy Hyde-Smith (R)



PHOTO COURTESY: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Cindy Hyde-Smith is the incumbent U.S. Senator, and the first woman to represent Mississippi in the Senate. She was appointed to fill former U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran’s vacated seat when he resigned earlier this year. She was previously the state’s Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce and served in the state legislature.

“So many times ... (college students) may leave initially and then return (to Mississippi),” Hyde-Smith said. “I want them to know that they can return to Mississippi and be able to raise their (families) in an environment they can be proud of and they also can prosper here economically and further their career here in Mississippi.”

### Challenger: Chris McDaniel (R)



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Chris McDaniel is a resident of Ellisville and has been a state senator for 10 years. McDaniel ran for the U.S. Senate seat previously in 2014 when he challenged former U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, but he was unsuccessful. McDaniel is chairman of the state Senate Constitution Committee. McDaniel initially intended to challenge incumbent Roger Wicker for his Senate seat, but switched races after Cochran resigned in March.

“If we find a way to improve the economic engine of Mississippi, jobs will be created,” McDaniel said. “Entrepreneurs will invest in the state, but one key way to have the state’s economy improve is to leave more money in private investment... The best way to see economic prosperity is to reform the tax code, reform the regulatory code and allow more people to keep more of their money.”



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and attracting more people to the state.

The Republican candidates have an “old Mississippi” mentality, where they seemingly want to highlight the positive aspects of the state and embrace those elements moving forward by cultivating a pro-business environment and allowing people to make their own decisions without government intervention.

The Democratic candidates

have a “new Mississippi” mentality, where they want the state to become more inclusive of the LGBTQ community and people of all races and backgrounds and make the government more involved in affecting change in Mississippians’ daily lives.

Nearly all of the candidates have acknowledged the problems that plague the state, like recent college graduates leaving in a mass exodus called the “brain drain,” the opioid epidemic affecting college campuses and Mississippi’s often negative perception at the national level.

Baria, Espy and Wicker have taken a stand and voiced support

for removing the state flag that bears a Confederate symbol, which many Mississippians perceive as a sign of hate and division. McDaniel and Hyde-Smith both think the flag should continue flying until Mississippians vote to remove it.

The other issue is how the candidates view their relationships with President Donald Trump. Wicker and Hyde-Smith have both been de facto implementers of Trump’s policy and view themselves as partners of Trump. McDaniel said he would do the same if elected.

Both Baria and Espy said they would work with Trump on poli-

cy they believe to be useful to the state, but they plan to serve as a strong check on the President.

So far, none of the candidates have participated in a debate. For the regularly scheduled election, Baria invited Wicker to participate in a debate, but Wicker has not agreed to participate.

In the special election, Espy and McDaniel have both challenged Hyde-Smith to a debate, but Hyde-Smith has said she would not be able to participate in a debate if she is working in Washington D.C. The Senate has not been in session since Oct. 27, and Hyde-Smith has not agreed to participate in a debate.

College students are expected to turn out at one of the highest rates in a long time. It’s important that they actually do, and have their voices heard in this election, because this is an election where Mississippians can make sure their voices are heard in two senate races and make sure the issues residents care about are represented on the national stage.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI LAFAYETTE COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS

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David Baria (Democrat)  
Roger F. Wicker (Republican)  
Danny Bedwell (Libertarian)  
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Cindy Hyde-Smith  
Chris McDaniel

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Randy Mack Wadkins (Democrat)  
Tracella Lou O’Hara Hill (Reform)

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Bob Whitwell (Nonpartisan)

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Circuit Court, District 3 Place 1

Andrew K. Howorth (Nonpartisan)

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTION FOR CIRCUIT COURT 3

Circuit Court, District 3 Place 2

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J. Kelly Luther (Nonpartisan)

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Wilkie said he also wants to empower young veterans to start their own businesses by working with the Small Business Administration, a federal organization designed to aid and counsel small business owners.

“What we’re pushing is choice. The choice to widen the aperture that a veteran has when it comes time for him to decide what to do,” Wilkie said. “Congress believes in it, General Mattis believes in it and the President does as well.”

According to Wilkie, Secretary of Defense General James Mattis often works closely with him on issues involving educating currently enlisted members of the U.S. Armed Forces about the benefits they are owed as veterans. An issue they often observe in student veterans is that they are not as educated on the topic as they could be.

“That’s both on the Department of Defense and on us to make sure that they are able to navigate their choices,” Wilkie said. “We are the ones who have to help them navigate that because the law is complex.”

For the first time since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, more than half of the veterans population in



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U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie speaks to the media during a press conference held on Friday at the Lyceum. Secretary Wilkie came to Ole Miss to attend the inaugural Veterans Alumni Gala.

the U.S. is under the age of 65, Wilkie said. He said that this changing population of veterans leads to a change in health needs, as well as expectations of the VA.

“They want quick service. They are computer savvy. They don’t come from a generation that likes to stand in lines, and the organization has to move to meet those needs,” Wilkie said.

Earlier this year, several high level departures within the agency led the VA into a reported state of disarray, but Wilkie said he now has a fully staffed leadership team with

military experience in place.

“The state of VA is better. I didn’t say good, great or excellent. I said better,” Wilkie said. “The turmoil of the first half of this year is behind us.”

Since the Senate confirmed Wilkie in July to lead the federal department, he said he has tried to push decision making down to the local level as much as possible.

“One size does not fit all in an organization this big,” Wilkie said. “The needs of veterans in West Los Angeles are a heck of a lot different from the needs of veterans in North Mississippi.”

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# How do students choose where to vote?

Competing loyalties to hometowns and college towns influence where students cast ballots

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College students are stuck between two places in many different ways. While families and old friends might be far away, most immediate interests and responsibilities are in their college town. How does this split residency translate to how college students vote?

Legally, students have dual residency and are free to vote from their hometown or their college town. This right was upheld in *Symm v. United States* in 1979. Where students vote is entirely their choice, and that choice can hinge on different factors.

David Keel, a sophomore public policy leadership major from Illinois, votes in his home state.

“I don’t plan to live in

Mississippi after college, and it would be kind of a hassle to switch just for two years,” he said. “Also, all my family lives in Illinois, so I would rather vote for changes that are going to affect them rather than just myself.”

This is a common sentiment among students who plan on returning home after they graduate, as they continue to have a vested interest in those policies.

Caroline Bass, a senior international studies major, registered to vote in her home state of Tennessee and remains invested in the political climate there for a specific reason. She registered to vote in Lafayette County her sophomore year, but switched her registration back to Tennessee soon after.

“I have a friend that was given the death penalty in

“I feel like everyone should get out and vote more than anything because our generation (doesn’t) understand how important it is. Every vote matters, every vote counts.”

Audreaiona Waters  
Senior exercise science major

Tennessee, so he lives on death row, and I decided I want to vote in elections that affect his life, because he doesn’t get to vote,” Bass said. “(Elections) like the governor of Tennessee are a really big part of this process because (the governor) can grant clemency if it gets down to him being executed.”

While many students choose to vote from home, some students encounter difficulties doing so. Meredith McDonald, a sophomore double major in accounting and public policy leadership, is still registered in Forrest County. However, she said this choice has introduced many difficulties for her.

“I found it very difficult to figure out where to get my absentee ballot from,” she said. “I had to go to a third party website and type in all this information about myself for them to finally give me an email address to contact because my city government’s home page wasn’t up to date.”

Even after ordering her absentee ballot, McDonald’s troubles didn’t stop there. She was told the county would send the absentee ballot to her in two to three days, but it took a week. According to McDonald, the ballot was very

hard to understand, and if any information she filled out was incorrect, the ballot would not have been accepted.

McDonald said this concerned her because she was not sure every student would be as willing as she was to take the trouble to navigate the absentee voting policy.

“Mississippi has one of the lowest voter turnouts in the country, and if we are making it so difficult for people to absentee vote, then of course it’s going to be difficult to get people to vote, which is basically just voter suppression,” she said.

The concept of voting where you live because of convenience often pushes students to vote in their college town. Shannon Hicks, a graduate student studying higher education and student personnel from Louisville, Kentucky, is registered to vote in Lafayette County. While she says she is more invested in Kentucky politics and feels more knowledgeable about candidates in Louisville, she said she chooses to vote in Mississippi because it is more convenient.

Hicks said voting in person was not only easier, but it introduced a sense of accountability.

“(Vote) wherever it’s easier

for you to vote, because I think a lot of my friends that stayed registered where they’re from didn’t actually request an absentee ballot, and for me I knew it would be easier if I walked in and voted,” Hicks said.

Jarvis Benson, a senior double major in spanish and international studies, is registered to vote in Lafayette County even though he is from Grenada. He has several reasons why voting in Oxford makes more sense for him.

“First, I think it is more convenient to fit time here with a busy schedule. Second, I vote in local elections. The policies affecting Lafayette County are more important than those in Grenada to me because I spend the majority of my time in Oxford,” Benson said. “Third, I can now bring a friend to the polls with me.”

While these students feel strongly about whether they vote from home or from their college town, they feel even stronger about their peers voting.

Audreaiona Waters, a senior majoring in exercise science, is registered to vote in Lafayette County rather than in Texas, where her family lives. In Waters’ opinion, it doesn’t matter where students vote as long as they vote.

She said, “I feel like everyone should get out and vote more than anything because our generation (doesn’t) understand how important it is. Every vote matters, every vote counts.”

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# PLAYLIST OF THE WEEK: *ELECTION DAY*

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With the midterm elections happening this week, it seems like a good time to listen to music that has been inspired by politics or just some good old patriotic songs. Music has played an important role in presidential campaigns in the form of campaign songs, but it also has played a big part in protesting a candidate or showing one’s love for his or her country.

- 🎵 **Hail to the Chief**  
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Toby Keith • Unleashed
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Frank Turner • Be More Kind
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Pussy Riot • xxx
- 🎵 **This Land is Your Land**  
Woody Guthrie • The Asch Recordings, Vol. 1-4
- 🎵 **Signed, Sealed, Delivered (I'm Yours)**  
Stevie Wonder • Signed, Sealed And Delivered
- 🎵 **Born in the U.S.A.**  
Bruce Springsteen • Born In The U.S.A.
- 🎵 **Black President**  
EXPLICIT Nas • Nas
- 🎵 **James K. Polk**  
They Might Be Giants • Factory Showroom
- 🎵 **Make America Great Again**  
Mike Curb Congregation • Make America Great Again (Greatest Songs Of The USA)
- 🎵 **Ronnie, Talk To Russia**  
Prince • Controversy
- 🎵 **The Presidents**  
Jonathan Coulton • Thing a Week Three
- 🎵 **God Bless The U.S.A.**  
Lee Greenwood • American Patriot
- 🎵 **Star Spangled Banner**  
Boyce Avenue • Star Spangled Banner



This song was inspired by the patriotism shown after the 9/11 attacks. It caused a huge controversy upon its release, exposing a political rift in the world of country music and famously fueling a feud between Toby Keith and the Dixie Chicks.



Everything about The Boss screams patriotism, and this song is the epitome of that. Many presidential candidates have used the song in their campaigns, including Barack Obama and Ronald Reagan. But when Reagan used the song at a rally in 1984 without Springsteen’s permission, it sparked a controversy and negative response from The Boss himself.



This is a fun song that lists the presidents in order and gives a tidbit of information about each one. Some of the observations are factual, some are more opinion-based and some are used for comedic effect. This song was written in 2006 so there aren’t any lyrics about Trump, but an updated version recorded in 2008 includes lyrics about Obama.

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# Rebels fall to Gamecocks to give Ole Miss fourth SEC loss

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Ole Miss fell to the South Carolina Gamecocks 48-44 on Saturday for the Rebels' fourth conference loss this year, bringing the team to 5-4 on the season.

The 11 a.m. kickoff quickly gave way to an offensive showdown. These two struggling SEC teams put up 27 points each and a combined 749 yards of offense through the nearly two-hour-long first half. Toward the end of the second half, however, the offensive fireworks subdued and the tired-looking Rebels let the Gamecocks pull away in a fourth quarter that saw the Rebels put up a mere 19 yards of offense.

"Tough loss today," head coach Matt Luke said. "It makes it tough when you know the kids left it all on the field and they battled their guts out, and we didn't make the plays we needed to make."

Trouble stopping the run and making open field tackles became apparent early as the Gamecocks opted to receive and began the day with a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Ole Miss kicker Luke Logan tried to keep the kickoff away from Gamecock go-to returner Deebo Samuel, but the standout receiver got his hands on the ball anyway, despite a muffed recovery.

"There's obviously a lot of things that we could clean up," Luke said. "Too many easy plays, deep balls and the kick off return, that ended up being the difference in the game."

Though powerful, the Rebel offense was relatively quiet in the red zone in the first quarter. Gamecock pass interference kept wide receiver A.J. Brown from what would have been his only touchdown reception of the day on the Rebels' second drive. Third down came once again in the red zone, and running back Scottie Phillips fumbled a backwards pass, which the Gamecocks recovered on the 24-yard line.

Offensive coordinator Phil Longo said he focused on improving the team's red zone performance after being shut out



PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Isaiah Woullard looks for an opening during Saturday's military appreciation game against the University of South Carolina. South Carolina won the game 48-44.

of the end zone through the first 15 minutes.

"I thought the guys, after the first quarter, did a really good job down there," Longo said. "We wanted to be more physical in the red zone. We wanted to run the ball better down there. I thought we did that."

A highlight of the Rebels' exhausting loss came in the form of freshman wide receiver Elijah Moore's record-setting outing. Moore caught 11 passes for 129 yards, for the most receptions in a game ever by an Ole Miss freshman. Nine of those catches came in the first half. Back-to-back catches by Moore during a Rebel drive in the second quarter bolstered a brief Ole Miss attack, but the offense sputtered and was forced to settle for a second field goal.

"With D.K. (Metcalf) down, I knew I had to step up," Moore said. "I cannot let my boys down. They work hard every day in practice so I have to work hard for them. We will just work a little harder to get the win next time. I am going to just keep doing what I'm doing. I'm blessed."

Quarterback Jordan Ta'amu also impressed in his first-half performance. Ta'amu threw for

270 yards on a 20-29 clip and excelled on his feet. At the half, his 76 rushing yards closely trailed running back Scottie Phillips for the best showing on the ground. Ta'amu's strong day continued late into the third quarter until the senior quarterback went down hard on a "roughing the passer" call.

"I thought he looked a little sluggish when he went in, that's

why we took him out the next drive," Longo said.

Ta'amu's brief exit forced true freshman quarterback Matt Corral into the game, who has played sparingly this season. Although Corral had to come in, Longo praised his team for never wavering during Ta'amu's injury scare.

"This is one of the most resilient groups I've ever been

around," Longo said. "It's inspiring to me because I don't think attitude changed the entire game, we fought, and they're just resilient."

Scottie Phillips' effort on Saturday is a prime example of the resiliency Longo praised after the game. The junior running back notched a career-high of three touchdowns after his fumble in the first quarter.

With 5:30 to go in the third quarter, Luke turned to Phillips to convert a Rebel fourth and one, and Phillips delivered. His five-yard conversion paved the way for a 19-yard completion over the top to tight end Dawson Knox to set the Rebels up in the red zone. A toss to the outside gave Phillips an uncontested sweep into the end zone for his third score and the game's third lead change.

An early fourth quarter score by running back Isaiah Woullard extended the Rebel lead to 10 with 14 minutes left, but the sluggish defense couldn't hold the South Carolina attack back. Ole Miss let up two more touchdowns before a final four and out by the Rebels. Mac Brown punted three times for the Rebels in the fourth as the game came to a close.

"It's a tough pill to swallow, but you've just got to look at the little things," Phillips said after Saturday's loss. "Correct some mistakes, and just move on to the next one."

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# Volleyball drops two straight games to fall below .500

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The Ole Miss volleyball team played two matches at home this weekend, losing to No. 25 Tennessee on Friday night and No. 12 Kentucky on Sunday.

The Rebels had built momentum recently, winning two of their last three matches before dropping two this weekend. Now with a 13-14 record on the season, and 3-10 in conference play, it looks like Ole Miss will finish in the bottom third of the conference for the second time in three years.

In the first game of the weekend against Tennessee on Friday, Ole Miss jumped out to an early lead, taking control of the first set right away and dominating the entire way. The Rebels led 13-7 early in the set, and kept the Volunteers at bay for the entire set, refusing to give up any ground.

The set was characterized by the Rebels' great defense, as defensive specialists Nicole Purcell and Caroline Adams, as well as junior outside hitter Emily Stroup, had impressive effort on the back line to refuse the Tennessee offense at nearly every opportunity. The Rebels also came up with two blocks in the set, one by freshman Aubrey Sultemeier and sophomore Lauren Bars, and another solo block by Bars.

The Rebels struggled the rest of the way however, as the talented Tennessee team appeared to find its groove in the second set. While the score was close for most of the set, it felt like Tennessee controlled the action the entire way, and the Vols' seven errors in the set were the only thing that kept the Rebels alive.

The third set was the most



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Caitlin Wernentin spikes the ball past two Tennessee Volunteers defenders on Friday. Ole Miss lost the game 1-3

competitive of the day, as the Rebels looked as if they were poised to reclaim the lead before allowing a 4-0 Tennessee run to end the set, putting them in a 1-2 hole. Critical attack errors from Sultemeier and senior Caitlin Wernentin handed the set to the Volunteers after four straight kills from Stroup signalled a Rebel comeback.

The fourth set was similar to the third, but the Rebels refused to lie down, fighting until the very end in another hotly contested set. This set was also plagued with errors, including four in a row by Tennessee which helped give Ole Miss a 21-18 advantage. However, the Vols reclaimed the lead with a 4-0 run, and would not relinquish it for the rest of the set, finishing off the Rebels 25-23 on an attack error from Stroup.

Stroup had a remarkable performance in the loss, recording a program record 31 kills on a .393 hitting percentage to go along with seven digs, one assist, one block and

an ace. Wernentin recorded her third straight double-double with 10 kills and 17 digs. Bars contributed 47 assists, four kills and 15 digs. Adams had a match high of 19 digs to go along with her four assists, and Sultemeier recorded seven total blocks to go along with seven kills.

Stroup recorded her 1000th career kill on Friday, continuing her historic performance this season. Entering the weekend she was third in the country in kills, fourth in total points and 12th in kills per set, also leading the SEC in all three categories.

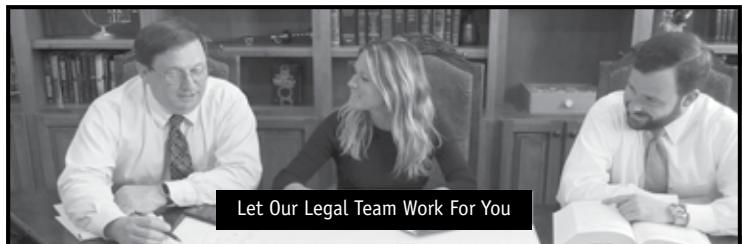
On Sunday the Rebels were outplayed by a superior Kentucky team, falling in straight sets in a fairly unremarkable fashion. All three sets were close most of the way, with the Rebels faltering late and allowing demoralizing runs to end each set. After a back-and-forth start to the first set, the Rebels looked to be in striking position down 18-19. However, a 6-1 run by the Wildcats ended the set 25-19.

it at 21-21, forcing a Kentucky timeout. With perhaps their best chance of the day, the Rebels came out of the break poorly, and allowed three errors in the final four points to cede the set 21-25.

The third set was not as close, as the Wildcats' errors kept Ole Miss in the match and forced a 17-17 tie before Kentucky showed why they are the best team in the SEC, recording kills on seven of their last eight points while committing just one error.

Stroup continued to break records on Sunday however, registering her 475th kill of the season in the first set, breaking the program record she set just a year ago. She went on to finish with 12 kills on a lowly .075 clip.

The Rebels will try to overcome these losses when they travel to Baton Rouge on Wednesday to take on LSU.



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## CONGRATULATIONS to South Carolina Ticket Winners

Janelle  
Corliss



and  
Roger Ornelas

# Win Ole Miss Football Tickets

**Two people** can win **a pair** of tickets  
to see the Rebels take on Mississippi State Nov. 22.

Go to **Campus Creek** and **Salsarita's**  
to enter for your chance to win.

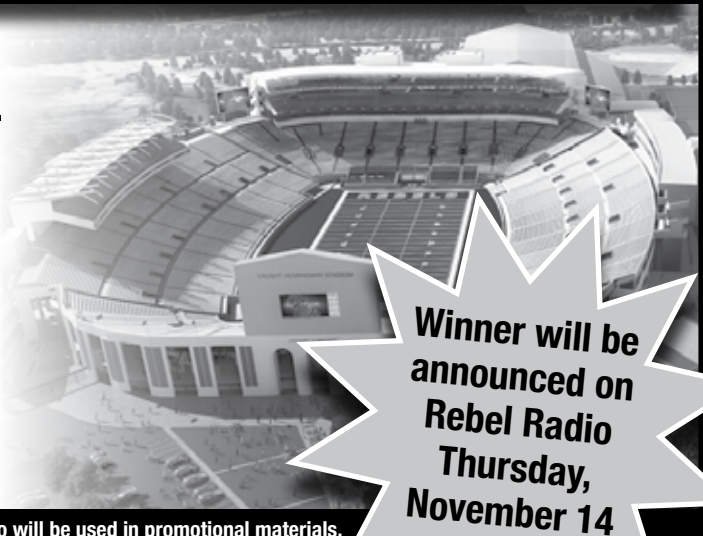
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**Winner will be  
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Rebel Radio  
Thursday,  
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